

Senate Bill 419

By: Senator Thompson of the 5th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 50-5-56 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of standard contract specifications for state contracts by the Department of Administrative Services, so as to provide for certain contract specifications; to provide for interest payments where payments are owed and past due; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 50-5-56 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of standard contract specifications for state contracts by the Department of Administrative Services, is revised as follows:

"50-5-56.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Department of Administrative Services to formulate, adopt, establish, and modify standard specifications applying to state contracts. In the formulation, adoption, and modification of any standard specifications, the Department of Administrative Services shall seek the advice, assistance, and cooperation of any state department, institution, or agency to ascertain its precise requirements in any given commodity. Each specification adopted for any commodity shall insofar as possible satisfy the requirements of a majority of the state departments, institutions, or agencies which use the same in common. After its adoption each standard specification shall until revised or rescinded apply alike in terms and effect to every state purchase of the commodity described in such specifications. In the preparation of any standard specifications, the Department of Administrative Services shall have power to make use of any state laboratory for chemical and physical tests in the determination of quality.

(b) A standard specification in every state contract shall include a provision requiring a state agency to pay interest, in an amount not to exceed 5 percent per annum, on any past

- 1 due amount owed by a state agency, where such amount is more than 90 days past due.
2 Interest payments shall be made in the same manner as principal amounts owed."

3 **SECTION 2.**

- 4 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

5 **SECTION 3.**

- 6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.